

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB824 H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cousins

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Abolition of fees; legal representation of indigent defendant.

5. Summary: The substitute bill amends § 19.2-163 (Compensation of court-appointed counsel) and § 19.2-163.4:1 (Repayment of representation costs by convicted persons) by establishing that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no person found indigent pursuant to § 19.2-159 can have fees assessed against him for any amount paid for his legal representation in an amount greater than the amount such defendant would have owed if the assessment took place on or before June 30, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill caps amounts assessed against a guilty indigent defendant for legal representation to the current rate of payment for court appointed counsel. As such, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court reports that this bill has no material fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, Circuit Court Clerks, localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None